

# Netherthorpe Primary School

## Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

05/12/16

Can you believe that there are only two weeks left before the end of term and there's still so much to do! Apart from all our usual teaching and learning, we have the following upcoming events:

### 1. Winter Café on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 2.30pm – 4.00pm

If you would like to collect your child/ren early to go to the Winter Café you may collect them at 2.30pm otherwise school ends at the normal time of 3.10pm. No child/ren will be permitted to go to the café without an adult.

**Children that have permission to walk home independently will also need to be collected and taken by an adult.** All proceeds will be used for the benefit of our children.

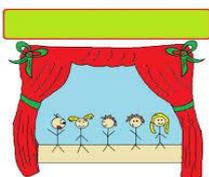


2. On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00am we will be holding the second **Reading Workshop for KS1**. We will be looking at how we can make reading at home with your child/ren enjoyable. If you have a child in KS1, please come to the meeting. We would really like to see every parent if possible. **The meeting will last for about 20 minutes.**

3. On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December we have a **violin children**. This will be at **2.30pm in the Sports Hall**. During the concert children will sing some Year 5 and 6 children will share some of the music violin lessons. **Doors will be open from 2.15pm.**



**concert by KS2** and all are welcome. Christmassy songs and they have learned in



4. Our Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children will perform our End of Term Nativity production on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December in the Sports Hall**. **Performances will take place at 9.30am and 2.15pm.** If you are unable to attend either of those performances or would like to bring very young children you can attend our Dress Rehearsal instead. **This will be at 11.00am on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.**

Other events that have taken place recently are Year 6's visit to Crucial Crew. The children love this visit and it really helps them to prepare for secondary school and the added independence and responsibilities that come along with leaving primary school.

We have been to several sports events recently and our children have been praised by Nathan Barthrop, one of the lead sports organisers for the whole city, which is absolutely fantastic! Year 5 and Year 6 children have participated in a range of sporting events and our Y2 children performed incredibly well at an athletics event at the end of November. In fact, they were so good that they won the whole competition and were given a trophy! I am very proud of them for this but I am even more proud by the effort all our children always put in to every event and also by the truly sporting behaviour they always display.



Finally, I would like to update you on some staffing changes that have just taken place or will happen at the end of this term. As parents of younger children already know, Mrs Bradley has just started her maternity leave. We wish her happiness and all the very best. As soon as I have any news about her baby, I will let you know. Mrs Jo Ryan and Mrs Amy Stackhouse, who returns from her own maternity leave today, will teach the F1 children. Please rest assured that the children are in really good hands.



Mrs Lennox-Douglas returned from maternity leave in September and we were all delighted to have her back. Sadly for us, Mrs Lennox-Douglas has come to the very difficult decision that she is going to leave at the end of term and go back to study and then specialise in teaching children with special education needs. We wish Mrs Lennox-Douglas all the very best and hope that she will come back to visit us and perhaps do some of her training with us, if we are very lucky. Ms Flannery will stay with us and I am very happy to announce that Mrs Anna Jordan will be joining us from January to teach Year 3 during the second half of the week.

Mrs Thompson has been teaching children at Netherthorpe for the last 15 years and has decided that it is time for a career change and time to try something new. She is known and loved by many, many children and will be an incredibly hard act to follow! I would like to personally thank Mrs Thompson for all of her hard work and effort: she is a very talented teacher, who is so warm and caring that Year 6 children have felt that they have had an extra mum at school to help them prepare for exams, secondary school and life outside school. We all wish her the very best for the future and hope that she will keep in touch. We have interviews for a teaching assistant before the end of term – I will let you know how they go.



And now for some news that definitely isn't bitter-sweet. Mr Webb is about to take paternity leave. This could start at almost any time over the next few weeks: if his baby is born before Christmas, Mrs Thompson will teach Year 6. If it is after we break up for the holidays, then we are lucky enough to have Mrs Tanguy in to work with the children. I don't know if you've noticed but Mr Webb is almost bouncing up and down with excitement! I wish him and his lovely wife all the very best for the birth of their child. Once again, I will update you all after the happy event.

So, there will be a few changes in the New Year but one thing that will remain the same is that we will all come back after a good break to keep having a wonderful time at school, learning as much as we possibly can.

I will see you all before the end of term – many of you at the Winter Café and concerts – but I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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